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December 18, 2015

Ms. Gay Vietzke
Superintendent
National Mall and Memorial Parks
700 Ohio Drive Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20242

Dear Superintendent Vietzke:

The National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (Commission) was established by the Commemorative Works Act of 1986 (40 U.S.C. 89 et. Seq.). The Act requires the Commission to consult with sponsors of memorials on matters relating to site and design of memorials to be established on lands subject to provisions of that Act.

At a public meeting on September 14, 2015, the Commission reviewed and provided comments on a range of locations within the site of the World War II Memorial for the placement of a plaque or inscription of the words President Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944. The Commission considered four sites, which were identified as (A) Circle of Remembrance, (B) Path Edge Northeast of the Atlantic Memorial Arch, (C) Ceremonial Entrance, and (D) Path Edge Northwest of the Information Station. The Commission appreciated the discussion by your staff and by Oehme, van Sweden of the sites and the analysis provided for each of the four proposed locations.

The consensus of the Commission was that the range of alternatives presented was sufficient, and they agreed with the criteria that were used to evaluate each alternative. The Commissioners concluded that Alternative A held the most promise, and that it could provide a contemplative setting that might be appropriate for the inclusion of a plaque or inscription of the prayer. They also noted that Alternative C was the most problematic because of its potential to intrude upon the ceremonial entrance to the Memorial. Some Commissioners expressed the opinion that Alternative B retained characteristics similar to Alternative A and might warrant further consideration.

We look forward to consulting with you as you continue through the process of adding this commemorative element to the site of the World War II Memorial.

Sincerely,



Peter May, Chairman,
National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission

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